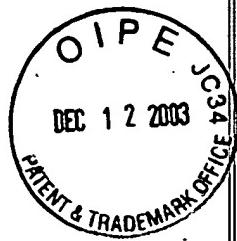


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

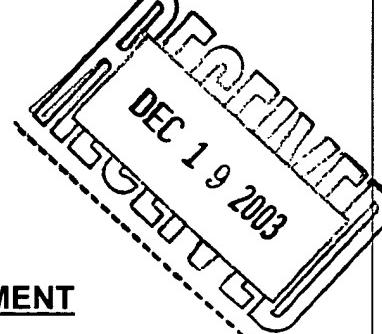
In a restriction requirement dated November 12, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-9, 15 and 17, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a "managed object system"; Group II, claims 10-11, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to "computer-to-computer handshaking"; Group III, claims 12-14 and 18, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to "computer network access regulating"; and Group IV, claim 16, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to "object-oriented."

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because examination of the various claim groups together in one application is not unduly burdensome. For

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example, search results as to the claims of Group I are likely relevant to examination of the claims of Group IV, and vice versa.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-9, 15, and 17.

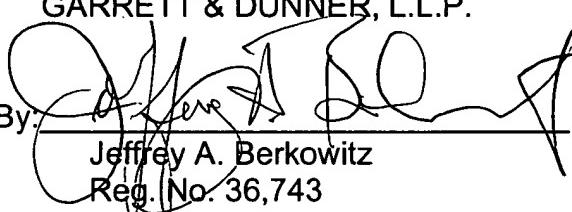
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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